

2018 Current Fiscal Year Report: Center for Scientific Review Advisory Council

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1. Department or Agency

Department of Health and Human Services

2. Fiscal Year

2018

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Center for Scientific Review Advisory Council

3b. GSA Committee No.

845

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

5. Current Charter

03/31/2017

6. Expected Renewal Date

03/31/2019

7. Expected Term Date

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

No

8b. Specific Termination Authority

8c. Actual Term Date

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Continue

10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

Not Applicable

10b. Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority

Authorized by Law

12. Specific Establishment Authority

42 U.S.C. 282(b)(16)

13. Effective Date

11/04/1988

14. Committee Type

Continuing

14c. Presidential?

No

15. Description of Committee

Scientific Technical Program Advisory Board

16a. Total Number of Reports

No Reports for this Fiscal Year

17a. Open Meetings and Dates 2 17b. Closed Meetings and Dates 0 17c. Partially Closed Meetings and Dates 0 17d. Total Meetings and Dates 2

Purpose

Program Advisory and/or Policy

Program Advisory and/or Policy

Start

03/26/2018

09/24/2018

End

- 03/26/2018

- 09/24/2018

Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 2

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$6,800.00	\$6,800.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$59,391.00	\$60,519.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$4,400.00	\$4,400.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$7,409.00	\$7,514.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$5,746.00	\$5,855.00
18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$16,650.00	\$16,982.00

18d. Total	\$100,396.00	\$102,070.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.30	0.30

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

Section 492 of the PHS Act states that The Secretary...shall by regulation require appropriate technical and scientific peer review of applications in biomedical and behavioral research ... This committee is composed of 12 highly qualified scientific individuals with expertise relating to review procedures and policies for the evaluation of scientific and technical merit of applications for grants and awards. During the fiscal year, the Advisory Council met two times to discuss and advise the NIH in general on various topics related to the peer review process. These topics included, among others: (1) CSR updates; (2) CSR Special Reviews; (3) Peer Review: The Foundation of NIAMS's Funding Decisions; (4) Imaging Reorganization and Somatosensory and Pain Sciences (SPS) Chartering; (5) AIDS and Nursing Study Section Reorganization; (6) Managing Review Burden; (7) High Risk/High Reward Reviews; (8) NIH's All of Us Program; (9) Expectations and Characteristics of the Peer Review of Grant Applications; (10) CSR Outreach Update; and (11) CSR Strategic Plan.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The members of this committee are authorities knowledgeable in the fields of biological, medical, and behavioral research who have had experience with peer review. Members include experts such as physicians, basic and clinical investigators, and educators.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

The National Institutes of Health Center for Scientific Review Advisory Council held two meetings during this reporting period. Seven working group meetings were also held on the following dates: 02/20/2018, 03/13/2018, 03/14/2018, 03/25/2018, 09/11/2018, 09/14/2018 and 09/23/2018.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

This committee is composed of recognized biomedical and behavioral research authorities and scientific and technical information systems experts who represent the forefront of research and technical knowledge. Their recommendations cannot be obtained from other sources because of their complex nature of research and of research program emphasis, and management requires a specialized balance and breadth of expertise not available on the NIH staff or from other established sources.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

N/A

21. Remarks

The recommendations made by this Council were conveyed via a review of the meeting minutes and notes together with a CMO/Executive Secretary meeting. This committee did not produce any reports during the fiscal year. The Committee Decision Maker and Designated Federal Official roles are held by the same individual based on the assignment of responsibilities at the Center for Scientific Review. Dr. Nakamura's end term reflects his retirement in April 2018.

Designated Federal Officer

Cathleen Cooper Acting Deputy Director

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
BYRNES, NONI	06/07/2018	12/31/2021	ACTING DIRECTOR	Ex Officio Member
GAO, JINMING	09/04/2018	12/31/2021	PROFESSOR OF ONCOLOGY	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
GEORGE, ALFRED	01/21/2018	12/31/2020	MAGERSTADT PROFESSOR AND CHAIR	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
HAMMOND, PAULA	09/20/2015	12/31/2017	DAVID H. KOCH PROFESSOR OF CHEMICAL ENGINEERING	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
HOLLINGSWORTH, MICHAEL	01/01/2017	12/31/2017	PROFESSOR	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
HURD, YASMIN	10/01/2017	12/31/2019	PROFESSOR	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
KROETZ, DEANNA	09/04/2018	12/31/2021	PROFESSOR	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
LOPEZ, JOSE	09/04/2018	12/31/2020	PROFESSOR	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
MAYO, STEPHEN	08/10/2014	12/31/2017	Bren Professor of Biology and Chemistry	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
MILLER, SCOTT	10/01/2017	12/31/2020	IRENEE DUPONT PROFESSOR OF CHEMISTRY	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
NAKAMURA, RICHARD	01/01/2015	04/10/2018	DIRECTOR	Ex Officio Member
PALERMO, TONYA	09/04/2018	12/31/2021	PROFESSOR AND ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
PRICE, JULIE	10/01/2017	12/31/2020	VISITING PROFESSOR AND INVESTIGATOR	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
TARGAN, STEPHEN	08/24/2014	12/31/2017	Director, F. Widjaja Foundation Inflammatory Bowel and Immunobiology Research Institute	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
WEINER, LOUIS	05/18/2014	12/31/2017	DIRECTOR, LOMBARDI COMPREHENSIVE CANCER CENTER	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
WEST, JENNIFER	09/18/2016	12/31/2019	FITZPATRICK FAMILY UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR OF ENGINEERING	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 16

Narrative Description

The goal of NIH research is to acquire new knowledge to help prevent, detect, diagnose,

and treat disease and disability, from the rarest genetic disorder to the common cold. The NIH mission is to uncover new knowledge that will lead to better health for everyone. The Center for Scientific Review (CSR) is the portal for NIH grant applications and their review for scientific merit. CSR receives about 80,000 applications a year. The majority of those grant applications (70%) are reviewed by peer review committees managed by CSR. Since 1946, our mission has remained clear and timely: to see that NIH grant applications receive fair, independent, expert, and timely reviews -- free from inappropriate influences -- so NIH can fund the most promising research. NIH advisory councils provide a second level of peer review and make funding recommendations based on priorities set by Congress, DHHS, and the public. For over 60 years, this peer review system has enabled NIH to fund cutting-edge research that has allowed millions to leave their doctor's office with new drugs and cures for diseases. This committee is responsible for providing CSR management with recommendations and advice on policy and practice pertaining to monitoring of and coordination of peer review activities at CSR.

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

- | | |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| Improvements to health or safety | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Trust in government | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Major policy changes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Advance in scientific research | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Effective grant making | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Improved service delivery | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Increased customer satisfaction | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Outcome Comments

NA

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

- | | |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| None | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Unable to Determine | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Under \$100,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| \$100,000 - \$500,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| \$500,001 - \$1,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| \$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| \$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Over \$10,000,000
Cost Savings Other



Cost Savings Comments

This committee is involved in providing advice on the peer review process and policies used in the evaluation of research grant applications.

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

67

Number of Recommendations Comments

The number of recommendations reflects those given by the renamed and restructured committee that was started March 2011.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

90%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

Three recommendations for fiscal year 2018 recommendations have been implemented.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?

9%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

Two of the recommendations from fiscal year 2017 are still partially implemented.

Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments

Oral and written reports are provided to members.

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Action Comments

Revised and amended the structure of of peer review committee committees located and managed by CSR staff.Updated review policies.

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

No

Grant Review Comments

NA

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Agency Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Committee Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online GSA FACA Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Publications	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Access Comments

N/A